

REMARKS

The present application has been amended in response to the Examiner's Office Action to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant, by the amendments presented above, has made a concerted effort to present claims which clearly define over the prior art of record, and thus to place this case in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 5-10 are allowed and claims 12, 14, 18, 22 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Newly added claim 29 is essentially original claim 12, rewritten in independent form. Amended claim 13 is essentially original claim 14, rewritten in independent form. Amended claim 17 is essentially original claim 18, rewritten in independent form. Amended claim 21 is essentially original claim 22, rewritten in independent form. Amended claim 25 is essentially original claim 26, rewritten in independent form. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that these claims, as well as those claims which depend therefrom, are allowable.

In addition, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation "determining an amount of data stored in the buffer at the first relay data gateway; and if the determination made of the amount of data stored in the buffer is that the amount of data stored in the buffer is greater than a particular amount of data, sending a data resend signal to the sending fax machine". Applicant submits that what is now being claimed in claim 1 is not disclosed or suggested by the prior art of record. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as well as those claims which depend therefrom, are allowable.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the application are allowable over the rejections of the Examiner. Should the present claims not be deemed adequate to effectively define the patentable subject matter, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the claims in an effort to reach an agreement toward allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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